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Rashvinder Panesar works in all areas of crime. He has appeared in some high-profile cases for main defendants in multi-handed conspiracies, which have been reported in 'The Times' Newspaper.

Coming from a background in Pharmaceuticals, he has a wide and extensive knowledge of all types of scientific and medical procedures and processes, making him a great choice in cases that involve cross-examination of scientific and forensic experts

He has defended in cases ranging from multi-million pound fraud, money laundering, importation and possession of drugs with intent and robbery through to ABH.

Rishvinder still accepts private instructions in the Magistrates Court for all Driving matters. He further conducts Advisory Work on Appeals for those coming through the Prison Law Scheme for Secondary Advice..

### SOME NOTABLE CASES

#### Fraud

R v K [2011] Wolverhampton Crown Court  
Counsel for the 3rd defendant at Confiscation, following a conviction in a 4 handed Conspiracy to Defraud HMRC for £2,500,000.00. An Order for 5% of the benefit figure was made and a 66% share of the defendant's main

#### Drugs

R v A [2010] Wood Green Crown Court  
4-handed conspiracy to import class A drugs from Nigeria. Counsel for the main defendant. Case involved turning Queens Evidence and securing a sentence within the lowest range.

#### People Smuggling

R v C [2009] Croydon Crown Court  
Counsel for the 1<sup>st</sup> defendant in an allegation of facilitation of illegal entry. The defendant was alleged to be in the company of an illegal immigrant and profession smuggler whilst on Eurostar.

residence was protected and excluded from the assets to be realised.

R v Z [2011] Leeds Crown Court  
2-handed Conspiracy to Steal with 29 counts of Money Laundering on the Indictment. Counsel to the 2nd defendant. The case was prosecuted by the CPS following Investigations by Uni-Pol, BBC Watchdog, Trading Standards and the Local Police. The case against the 2nd defendant was paper heavy and involved dissolved companies, a number of trading aliases and a multi-million pound property portfolio used to steal tenant deposits. The defendant was acquitted following legal submissions pre-dismissal. Case was publicised by the BBC and appeared on Watchdog. The 1st defendant is still awaiting trial.

R v W [2011] Ipswich Crown Court  
5-handed Conspiracy to Defraud. Counsel for the principal defendant in a giro cheque washing fraud to the value of £250,000.00. Value reduced to £98,000.00

R v S [2010] Norwich Crown Court  
7-handed Conspiracy to defraud the Revenue of in excess of £2,000,000 following an agreement to set up an illicit tobacco factory. Junior counsel for the 4th defendant. The case involved 4 Jurisdictions, Shell Companies and an FSA rogue financial trader subjected to the biggest fine in FSA history controlling the

R v B [2009] Nottingham Crown Court  
13-handed Conspiracy to supply class A drugs. Junior Counsel for the main Defendant. This was a conspiracy involving the shipping of drugs from the Caribbean, the flying in of drugs by light aircraft from Antwerp and supply in the Midlands. Leave to appeal conviction granted.  
Violence

R v E [2011] Cardiff Crown Court  
4 Count single handed allegation of Threats to Kill a Judge, Police Officer and Probation Officer by an Inmate of Broadmoor and Rampton Park Hospital Secure Units. Awaiting Trial in 2011.

R v N [2010] Blackfriars Crown Court  
6-handed allegation of football hooliganism. Counsel for the 2<sup>nd</sup> defendant alleged to have been part of disorder between Arsenal and Manchester United following a Champions league game. The first trial collapsed and is due for retrial in 2011.

R v M [2010] Wood Green Crown Court  
4-handed allegation of the Robbery of a Jewellery Store where £100,000 of Rolex watches were stolen.

R v D [2009] Bristol Crown Court  
Case of domestic abuse whereby the allegation was that the defendant was burning his partner with heated knife blades. Case involved extensive cross-examination of Medical

financial vehicle to the conspiracy.

professionals. Defendant acquitted.

R v A [2010] Birmingham Crown Court  
9-handed Conspiracy to Defraud the Department of Works and Pensions by the acquisition and manipulation of giro cheques to the value of £102,000. The defendant was the only person acquitted.

R v A [2009] Nottingham Crown Court  
4-handed allegation of Money Laundering. Counsel for the 4th defendant alleged to have laundered £250,000 and part of Drugs Conspiracy which had 14 people convicted before this prosecution. The money was moved via a 'Hawala' Banking Scheme.